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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PDEV, MPOS, WA SF  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PRESS REPORT OF PROPOSAL ON OSHEVELLO

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN THE  
RAND DAILY MAILY JUNE 29 BY RICHARD WALKER, DATELINE NEW  
YORK.

QUOTE SOUTH AFRICA HAS TURNED DOWN A COMPROMISE PROPOSAL  
TO LIMIT ITS TROOPS TO ONE KEY NORTHERN BASE IN SOUTH WEST  
AFRICA DURING A UNITED NATIONS POLICED INDEPENDENCE.

IN AN FORMAL REPLY TO THE WEST, SOUTH AFRICA HAS STUCK TO  
THE FULL LATITUDE ALLOWED IN THE PEACE PLAN IT ACCEPTED  
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IN APRIL, INFORMED SOURCES SAID. THIS PERMITS SA TO  
SPLIT ITS 1500 MAN RESIDUAL FORCE BETWEEN GROOTFONTEIN  
AND OSHEVELLO.

THE PRECISE WORDKING OF THE ORIGINAL WESTERN PROPOSAL  
CALLED FOR THE TROOPS TO BE STATIONED AT ONE OR OTHER  
OF THE BASES--'OR BOTH.'

IT THROWS THE INITIATIVE BACK TO THE WEST WITH ONLY  
A WEEK BEFORE THE BIG ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY  
MEETING IN KHARTOUM.

WESTERN HOPES HAD RISEN WITH THE RETURN OF UNITED STATES  
AMBASSADOR DONALD MCHENRY FROM TALKS WITH THE ANGOLAN  
GOVERNMENT. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HE WON AN ASSURANCE  
THAT ANGOLA WOULD CURB SWAPO GUERRILLAS BASED IN ITS  
TERRITORY IF THE PEACE PLAN WENT INTO EFFECT.

CITING THE MAY AIRBORNE RAID DEEP INTO ANGOLA, SWAPO HAS  
CAMPAIGNED FOR A SOUTH AFRICAN BASE IN SOUTHERN SWA WHILE  
THE KEY FRONTLINE STATES PROPOSED SPLITTING THE DIFFERENCE  
WITH A MID-TERRITORY SITE.

IN THE SEARCH FOR A FACE SAVING COMPROMISE THAT DID NOT  
RIP OPEN THE PACKAGE ALREADY ACCEPTED BY SOUTH AFRICA, THE  
SINGLE NORTHERN BASE WAS SUGGESTED. THE INITIAL SOUTH  
AFRICAN RESPONSE SEEMED POSITIVE AND IT APPEARED THAT  
THE REPUBLIC WOULD ALSO ACCEPT A RATION OF TWO UN TROOPS  
TO ONE SOUTH AFRICAN TO SATISFY FRONTLINE CONCERN.  
END QUOTE.

2. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.

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